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INFO AMEMBASSY ALGIERS

AMEMBASSY MADRID

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SUBJECT: SAHARA WATCH: MAURITANIAN PRESIDENT VISITS RABAT,
TRIPOLI AND TUNIS

1. MAURITANIAN PRESIDENT MOKTAR OULD DADDAH LEFT NOUAKCHOTT
DECEMBER 31 FOR FLYING TRIP TO LIBY AT INVITATIONS OF LIBYAN
PRESIDENT QADHAFI. ON ROUTE TO TRIPOLI, OULD DADDAH STOPPED
IN RABAT FOR MEETING AND LUNCH WITH KING HASSAN. ACCORDING
TO JANUARY 2 GOVERNMENT-RUN DAILY, CHAAB, "WELL-INFORMED
SOURCES IN TRIPOLI BELIEVE" THAT DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN OULD
DADDAH AND QADHAFI COVERED "BILATERAL RELATIONS AND
THE SITUATION IN THE SAHARA".

2. FLURRY OF MAURITANIAN DIPLOMATIC ACTIVITY INVOLVING LIBYA,
MOROCCO, AND TUNISIA (FOREIGN MINISTER MOUKNASS MADE TNQO
VISITS TO TRIPOLI BEFORE CHIEFS OF STATE MEETINGS) COUPLED
WITH REPORTS OF ENCOUNTERS BETWEEN SENIOR LIBYANS AND ALGERIANS
AND BETWEEN SENIOR ALGERIANS AND MOROCCANS, SUGGEST
BEHIND SCENES EFFORT BY FIVE STATES OF NORTHWEST

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CORNER OF AFRICA TO FIND FACESAVING COMPROMISE WAY

OUT OF SAHARA IMPASSE HAS SHIFTED INTO HIGH GEAR.

3. PRESIDENT OULD DADDAH RETURNED TO NOUAKCHOTT AFTER-
NOON OF JANUARY 2 AFTER STOPOVER IN TUNIS FOR A MEETING
WITH PRESIDENT BOURGUIBA.HANDYSIDE

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